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Since the completion of the sand filtration establishment, which for the last twelve years has exclusively furnished the water supply of Hamburg, bacteriological examinations of the water thus filtered have been daily made. Hitherto no cholera bacilli have been discovered at such examinations, and the water supply of Hamburg is considered perfectly pure.

I may mention that the authorities admit that in view of the large number of vessels arriving here from all parts of the world with all kinds of cargoes, and frequently with water ballast, infection of the Elbe water, and through the latter further infections, are not impossible, but the authorities are confident that cases thus occurring will be limited to a small number, and that an outbreak of cholera in epidemic form, such as in 1892, is not to be feared, particularly on account of the improvement of the city's water supply and the strict measures now enforced throughout Germany. This opinion is shared by Passed Assistant Surgeon McLaughlin, as far as he is able to look the situation over at present.

September 19. From Health Officer A. H. Doty, quarantine, Staten Island, N. Y.:

Have you at the present time or do you expect to have a representative at Bremen, Trieste, and Fiume?

September 19. Reply was sent:

I have at present no representative at Bremen. Have one awaiting orders at Trieste, none at Fiume. I will inform you as soon as it is determined whether a man can be sent to Bremen.

September 20. The Department of State quoted for the information of the Bureau of Public Health and Marine Hospital Service the following telegram, dated the 19th instant, from the American ambassador at Berlin:

German Government announces officially that cholera has been checked and is unlikely now to become epidemic.

September 22. The Department of State transmitted the information that a dispatch from Breslau has been received stating that several sporadic cases of Asiatic cholera recently occurred in the province of West Prussia, in Germany, and were followed by a number of cases in the province of Posen. The disease is now said to be assuming an epidemic character.

The consul at Stettin reports 1 death and 4 cases of Asiatic cholera in the provinces of West Prussia and Posen.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

INSPECTION SERVICE, MEXICAN BORDER.

Inspection at Eagle Pass, Tex.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Hume reports as follows:

	Week ended Sept. 16, 1905.
Persons inspected on trains	277
Persons held	0

Inspection at El Paso, Tex.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Alexander reports as follows:

Week ended September 16, 1905. Inspected Mexican Central passengers, 156; Mexican Central immigrants inspected, 43; Mexican aliens inspected at international bridge, 184; Syrians inspected, 29; Japanese inspected, 12; disinfection of soiled linen imported for laundry work, 517 pieces; certificates of health issued, 63; detained for treatment Syrian and his wife and 3 children, having faces very shockingly blemished by masses of sores very loathsome, probably due to a temporary ill condition of the blood; vaccination of children of immigrants, 3.

Inspection at Laredo, Tex.—Mortuary report—Mosquitoes.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Hamilton reports as follows:

Week ended September 16, 1905. Passenger trains from Mexico inspected, 14; persons on passenger trains from Mexico inspected, 703; immigrants on passenger trains from Mexico inspected, 46; immigrants vaccinated upon entry from Mexico, 20; 2 persons 3 days out from Orizaba, Mexico, detained until complete 5 days from said port; 3 aliens 2 days out from Veracruz, Mexico, refused entry until complete 5 full days from infected place.

Mortuary report of Laredo, Tex., for the month ended August 31, 1905: Acute enteritis, 2; cancer of liver, 1; paralysis, 1; convulsions, infantile, 4; stillborn, 4; tetanus neonatorum, 1; dentition, 1; eclampsia, 1; no medical attention, 2; congestion of bowels, 1; congestion of lungs, 1; exhaustion, 1; marasmus, 3; phthisis pulmonalis, 3; unknown, 1; maternal debility, 1; fever (age 26 years), 1; ulcer of the pylorus, 1; total, 30. Estimated population, 15,000. Rate, 24.

I have noticed that mosquitoes, *Culex* and *Stegomyia*, have been on the increase since last month.

STATISTICAL REPORTS OF STATES AND CITIES OF THE UNITED STATES,
YEARLY AND MONTHLY.

CALIFORNIA—*San Diego*.—Month of August, 1905. Estimated population, 25,000. Total number of deaths, 36, including 6 from phthisis pulmonalis.

CONNECTICUT.—Reports to the State board of health for the month of August, 1905, from 164 towns having an aggregate estimated population of 987,405, show a total of 1,409 deaths, including diphtheria 15, enteric fever 26, measles 2, scarlet fever 2, whooping cough 13, and 95 from phthisis pulmonalis.

Bridgeport.—Month of August, 1905. Estimated population, 82,128. Total number of deaths, 113, including diphtheria 2, enteric fever 2, scarlet fever 1, and 10 from phthisis pulmonalis.

ILLINOIS—*Rockford*.—Month of August, 1905. Estimated population, 40,000. Total number of deaths, 42, including enteric fever 1, and 2 from tuberculosis.

MARYLAND—*Baltimore*.—Month of June, 1905. Estimated population, 550,000—white, 464,000; colored, 86,000. Total number of